

**Amendments to the Claims**

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (currently amended) An airtight container comprising:

a body with an opened upper surface;

a lid for covering said opened upper surface of said body; and

a locking portion having at least two locking flanges integrally pivotally coupled to the periphery of said lid through a thin hinge formed at a connecting portion ~~connecting thereof with said lid~~, said locking flanges having a hooking protrusion ~~formed~~ with a hooked end on a lower surface thereof, and hooking ribs formed on an upper portion of the outer wall of said body, ~~each~~ said rib provided with an accommodation groove for engaging and accommodating said hooked end of ~~with~~ said hooking protrusion of said locking flange on the lower surface thereof; and

said hooking protrusion is formed in the middle of a lower portion of locking flange so as to correspond to the accommodation groove.

2. (canceled)